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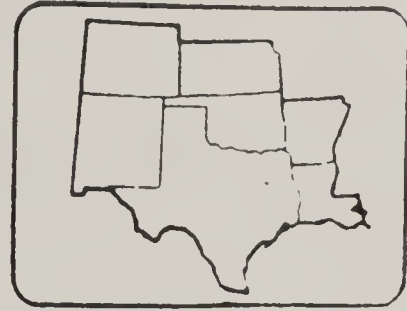
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USDA Withdraws Proposal to Allow Use of Milk Albuminate in Sausage

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has withdrawn a proposal to amend the federal meat inspection regulations to allow the use of "milk albuminate" in certain sausage products.

Carol Tucker Foreman, assistant secretary of agriculture for food and consumer services, said a majority of the comments received on the proposal (published in the Feb. 15, 1977 Federal Register) opposed it on the basis that "milk albuminate" was an incorrect name for this dairy product. Further, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration recently ruled that "albumin/caseinate" was a more descriptive term for this type of product. But even "albumin/caseinate" is a very general term, and could also apply to other products with differing compositions.

Therefore, the proposal has been withdrawn to avoid confusion Foreman explained, and USDA meat inspection officials will be studying the broader questions of whether any albumin/caseinate product should be used in sausage products.

Further information may be obtained from Irwin Fried, acting director, Products Standards, Labels and Packaging Division, Food Safety and Quality Service, USDA, Washington, DC 20250, telephone (202) 447-6042.

A notice concerning the withdrawn proposal is scheduled in the Sept. 5 Federal Register.

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